Pending proposals for setting up gas based power plants in Rajasthan

2534. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up some gas based power plants in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time since when these proposals are pending;

(c) whether any tenders were invited and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the above bids were treated as non-responsive and was decided to rebid; and

(e) the details of progress made on rebidding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (b) The details of gas based Thermal Power Plants proposed to be set up in Rajasthan are as under:

SI. No.	Name of the project/ implementing Agency	Sector	Status
1.	Dholpur CCGT (702.7 MEyM/t RPG Dholpur Power Co. Ltd., Distc. Dholpur	Private	Techno-economic Clearance (TEC) accorded by Centra! Electricity Authority (CEA) in March, 1998. Financial closure yet to be achieved.
2.	Anu CCGT St.-n (650 Mw> National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC), Distt. Kota.		TEC of CEA accorded in August, 1998. Investment approval yet to be accorded by NTPC Board.

(c) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) had invited bids for main plant package for Anta Combined Cycle Power Project (CCPP) State-II (650 MW) in September, 1998. Subsequently, NTPC

clubbed the main plant packages for Auraiya Stage-II (650 MW) and Anta Stage-II (650 MW) and invited bids for the two projects in December, 1998. These bids were opened in June, 1999. Only one bid was received. Since the bid received was non-responsive, the bidding was by NTPC.

(d) and (e) Anta CCPP Stage-II (650 MW) in Rajasthan could not be taken up earlier by NTPC due to steep hike in the price of Naphtha/LNG and refusal by beneficiary States to take power at higher rates. Further action on the project could be taken up only after confirmation of availability of LNG at reasonable/firm prices acceptable to the beneficiaries.

Meetings of the official language implementation committee of CEA

†2535. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Official Language Implementation Committees have been constituted in the various Circles and Divisions of the Central Electricity Authority;

(b) if so, the Chief Engineer's Office-wise, Circle-wise and Division-wise details thereof and when such meeting were held during the last one year;

(c) whether any action is proposed to be initiated against the Chief Engineer's Offices, Circles and Divisions where such meetings could not be held; and

(d) the measures likely to be taken in future so that such lapses do not take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir. Official Language Implementation Committee is functioning in all the Subordinate Offices, whose administrative Head is equivalent to the Chief Engineer and which are called "Regional Electricity Board", of the authority including its headquarters.

(b) The details of meetings held during the last one year are given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) and (d) Question do not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.